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Dear Examiner Collins:

Further to our message of May 5, 2010 accepting the Examiner's Amendment, Applicants would like to know whether the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), which is not an International Depositary Authority (IDA), is a suitable agency under 37 CFR §1.803 for the deposition of the seeds. NBPGR, which is located in New Delhi, India, is a nodal agency in India for exchange, quarantine, collection, conservation, evaluation and the systematic documentation of plant genetic resources. NBPGR also has the Indian National Gene Bank under its umbrella for conserving national heritage of germplasm collections in the form of seeds, vegetative propagules, tissue/cell cultures, embryos, gametes, etc. Currently it holds a total of 3,77,194 accessions of different agri-horticultural crops and ranks fourth in the world. The weblink is: www.nbpgr.ernet.in. Please let us know if NBPGR is an acceptable depository for the deposition of the seeds.

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